

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with Selectmen Kim R. Roy and Troy E. Garron and Thomas Millias present.

Chair announces that the meeting is being taped.

The following business was discussed:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board as well as those attending tonight's meeting stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

The Agenda for Tuesday, January 12th, was unanimously approved without revision.

MINUTES

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the following Selectmen Minutes:

Regular Session – December 8, 2015 – afternoon session
Regular Session – December 8, 2015 – evening session
Regular Session – January 4, 2016

AFFIRMED COMMITMENTS AND WARRANTS

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to affirm approval for the payment of the following warrants and commitments:

Vendor Warrant	# 59	\$ 29,517.10
School Warrant	# 60	\$ 268,023.70
Ambulance Commitment	#12C	\$.17
Ambulance Commitment	#12D	\$ 14,921.61

APPROVED COMMITMENTS AND WARRANTS

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve payment of the following warrants and commitments:

Payroll Warrant	# 61	\$ 326,582.87
Vendor Warrant	# 62	\$ 765,922.66
Withholding Warrant	# 63	\$ 122,823.52
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 01	\$ 5,160.00

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve payment of the following Selectmen bills:

Charles Seelig (reimbursement/priority mail sent).....	\$ 19.99
Harry B. Harding & Sons (printing/STM warrant/1-4-16).....	\$ 448.70
Beth Israel Deaconess Ply. (physical/FD).....	\$ 385.00
KFDA (consultant/insurance review).....	\$ 7,310.00
Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal/December)	\$ 875.00
Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/December)	\$ 640.00
Michael Gilman Esq. (legal/December)	\$ 2,627.00

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Presentation of Certificates - Debra Tinkham

Roy expressed that the BOS is so appreciative for her many years of service to the Town and said that this certificate from the BOS is just a small token of their appreciation. (Thomas Calter also dropped off a certificate from the House of Representatives).

Ms. Tinkham said that she wanted to stay on the ZBA until the 40B Project was taken care of.

She was asked why the Zoning Board and she said she was approached by John Heller many years ago and asked what she was doing, and from then on, she was hooked into serving. She continued to say that she has worked with some awesome people on the Board and there have been some lovely people to show her the ropes. She added that Marion is awesome and she has been the one to keep them on the straight and narrow.

It was said that she is leaving a void, as she has done it so well. Hope whatever you do going forward is wonderful.

Roy said that she is a good example of what it means to give back to the Town and she thanked her from the bottom of her heart.

Millias wanted to say that he would like to take credit for hiring Marion (ha, ha, ha) and said he has known Deb for eighteen out of the twenty seven years she has served. He mentioned that everything with zoning is interpretation and that they not always saw eye-to-eye, but Deb always had the best interest of the Town at heart.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

2016 Class II License Renewals

Seelig is recommending that the Board approve two of the four that have been carried over; Halifax Auto Sales and Pete’s Auto Sales. Pete’s Auto Sales is asking to increase from twenty vehicles to twenty-five. There is plenty of room to accommodate the increase. Halifax Auto Sales is now in compliance with the signage.

Seelig is asking the BOS to table Davis Automotive and Hollywood East until February 9th. He stated that Hollywood East wants to increase, but will have to check with Planning and ZBA about their restrictions and Davis still needs to be at seventy-five cars or below and all vehicle for sale must have proper signage.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for Pete’s Auto Sales

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for Halifax Auto Sales.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Cathleen Laliberte – Dog Hearing

At 7:45 p.m., in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 157, Roy opened a hearing to address an incident where a dog owned by Cathleen Laliberte bit a gentleman on the calf while riding his bicycle on Wood Street. The hearing was held at the request of the Board of Selectmen.

The following individuals were present and sworn in by Notary Public Pamela J. McSherry:

Mike Laliberte	Dog Owner
Ryan Laliberte	Son
Noreen Callahan	Animal Control Officer

Roy: Thank you for being here. You are the dog owner?

Mr. Laliberte: Ah Yes

Roy: Okay. Noreen I am going to ask you to read your report.

Noreen:

Um hum. Basically what it’s saying that on eleven eighteen once there about five of five the victim Bruce Thorne called and reported to dispatch that while he was riding his bike on Wood Street the dog came out and bit him in the lower right leg area. The dog was reported to be a “mutt” approximately seventy-five pounds, black tannish. Had no idea where the dog lived. The incident occurred at 304 Wood Street. So it took several days but um I questioned some neighbors and we discovered the dog at 270 Wood Street. Ah we had the victim come over and positively identify the dog, which he did and said that was the dog that bit him and basically that was it.

Roy: And it is an Australian Shepard.

Noreen: It was an Australian Shepard mix. Also ...

Roy:

And our record indicate that this is not the first time that this particular dog has bitten someone before.

Noreen:

This was the only incident that we had but for a neighbor the dog was running loose for about approximately a month ya know on and off so in that area.

Roy:

So Noreen so you’re aware we actually pulled some records of a dog hearing that was held on I believe in 2009.

Noreen: 2009

Roy: For a dog very similar the person was riding on a bicycle and bit

Noreen: Cause we went back two years.

Roy: Ya

Noreen: So

Roy: Pam actually

Noreen: That is far as we went back.

Roy: Pam was in her computer

Noreen: Okay

Roy:

Not necessarily searching for an incident that occurred before but it happened upon it and so we have the records and we have reviewed. And it appears to be a very similar situation except I believe back then there were two dogs that were loose. You might have had two dogs.

Mr. Laliberte: Ya my neighbor no it was my other it was my neighbor's dog.

Roy:

Okay and it was Drew who bit the person on the bicycle and at the time he was not licensed and I think.

Noreen: He was licensed on the citation.

Mr. Laliberte: Ya he was.

Roy: But back in 09 he was not.

Mr. Laliberte: Really

Roy: Ya. Yes he was not.

Seelig: Is the dog currently licensed and vaccinated? Is everything up to date?

Noreen: Yes it is.

Roy: Okay. So would you like to explain what happen?

Mr. Laliberte:

Ya I don't know how it could have been him he hasn't been out for two years. I don't know where.... one of the neighbors said he was loose from a month. I find that hard to believe.

Noreen: On and off.

Mr. Laliberte:

I go down that street down the end of River Street every day on my way to work I mean I'd see there's two dogs different dogs always loose down there. Always loose.

Roy: Okay where here talking about Drew.

Mr. Laliberte:

That's what I'm saying I don't think my dog wasn't loose. I'm telling you right now he was not loose.

Roy:

Now what I read from the report from 2009 is that the dog had an electronic collar and broke the fence.

Mr. Laliberte: We don't use it anymore.

Roy:

Right and that you got a kennel. So is your dog always in the kennel if it is not in the house?

Mr. Laliberte:

He's on a chain link that I mean it huge there's no way he could get off it. No way.

Roy: Okay. Why do you think that somebody would make up a story?

Mr. Laliberte:

No I'm thinking he's mistaken for one of the other dogs. I mean like I said I see I see dogs at least two dogs loose. Even when he did get loose he didn't I was told this happened way down on River street.

Noreen: No it happened on 304 Wood Street.

Mr. Laliberte: Okay well we were told it happened way down on River Street.

Noreen: The victim did positively identify your dog as

Mr. Laliberte: No I understand that.

Noreen: As chasing him and biting him.

Roy: And it's a little

Mr. Laliberte: Is he here?

Noreen: He's not here

Roy: But we have it in a statement

Mr. Laliberte: I would like to talk to him.

Noreen: Um hum.

Roy:

Well we also have its awful coincidental that he it happens to be somebody on a bicycle that was bit and it's a herding dog so it make sense to me that ...

Mr. Laliberte: He does like to chase things he does.

Roy: Ya

Mr. Laliberte:

Um and that's what happened the first time he I mean he's very very kind dog he just likes when wheels are moving he likes to chase the wheels.

Roy: So it's not out of character for the dog to go after somebody on a bicycle.

Mr. Laliberte: If he was loose no

Roy: Does anybody else have any questions I mean.

Millias: Your observation of the property did you go onto the property?

Noreen: yes

Millias: Do they have the means to restrain

Noreen:

There it's not a fenced in yard. I don't know whether you still have the electrical

Mr. Laliberte:

We have a chain link kennel and we ... like I said I use a big thick chain now. I mean it's a chain link ya know it's not a rope it's not something he can break off oh ya know and I have a kennel.

Roy: Is he always in the kennel if he's not in the house?

Mr. Laliberte: Yes

Roy: So if he's not in the house you bring him from your house

Mr. Laliberte: Either there or right to the chain link.

Roy: And nobody

Mr. Laliberte: I let him out to go pee he comes right back in.

Roy:

Okay. So you don't ever just open the back door and let him go out to use the bathroom and then come back in.

Mr. Laliberte: No no. I can't.

Roy: Well that's not what has been observed.

Noreen: Right

Mr. Laliberte: Someone observed me opening my back door and letting him out.

Noreen:

Were you there during the time of the incident when it actually happened?

Mr. Laliberte: I was I was at work.

Noreen: You were at work at the time.

Mr. Laliberte: Ah hum

Noreen: So who was caring for the dog at that time?

Ryan: Um it was me and my brother and my sisters.

Noreen: Okay so and how old are you?

Ryan: I'm fourteen.

Noreen:

Okay. I observed him with the dog the fourteen year old with the dog. The dog is seventy-five pounds. It's a large dog.

Ryan: Ah humm

Noreen:

And who had to get him in the car? Your mom, because he couldn't control the dog in other words.

Mr. Laliberte:

He can't control the dog? He's bigger than me. He's bigger than me.

Noreen: This is what I observed.

Mr. Laliberte: Okay.

Noreen: That's all I'm saying. At that particular time.

Ryan: stop sometimes (in audible)

Millias: Has the victim made any kind of statement cause I think ...

Noreen:

The victim was concerned about his riding pants that was the only concern that he had. He would like those replaced. I don't know whether he talked ...

Mr. Laliberte: I mean

Noreen: Talk well your wife was there at the time.

Mr. Laliberte:

Honestly I'm telling ya I don't think it was my dog. I will replace his pants. I mean he said that to my wife I said well replace his pants then ya know. I mean this is a lot of stress on my family.

Noreen:

The basically the dog has to be under control at all times. He cannot run loose. It is a violation for your dog to run loose and unattended. He escapes things happen but he has to be retrieved and put right back into the house and he is a herding dog and by my understanding from the victim the dog did chase him back and forth and went in other yards and chased him up and down the street before he went after the bike actually.

Roy:

And Noreen you when you asked the other neighbors about this dog being loose they are familiar with the dog

Noreen:

They actually pointed to your house. I wouldn't have found your dog otherwise had I not knocked on doors and asked questions.

Mr. Laliberte:

Well I'm the only one here with a mutt on that right there at ya know.

Noreen:

Well there were other circumstances besides "mutt" description the color the size all that took in effect. That's the only reason I had the victim come and actually look at your dog at the front porch. He positively identified the dog.

Millias:

With all due respect you weren't home so you really don't know if the dog was loose or not loose other than someone else telling you that no it was on the property right I mean have I got that straight?

Mr. Laliberte: Ya true I don't get home till five o'clock ya know.

Millias:

So there's a good chance it could least a chance in your mind that could have been the case.

Mr. Laliberte:

Well when I get home at five he's home in the house. I mean when did it happen?

Noreen: Happened at 5:05 on the eighteenth Wednesday.

Mr. Laliberte: I get home at five. I get home at five o'clock.

Roy: And you didn't see a gentleman driving his bike down the road.

Mr. Laliberte: Nope. It's pitch black pitch black

Roy: The only thing

Mr. Laliberte: I mean if the dog ya its

Noreen: It's November

Mr. Laliberte: Ya black dark. No?

Roy: Not at

Seelig: No

Mr. Laliberte: Five o'clock

Noreen: Not in November

Roy: Not in November

Millias: Not in November

Seelig: No

Roy: No

Seelig: It's getting to that point

Noreen: It's starting to get dark at that time He was riding a bike at that time.

Roy:

Let me get back to the neighbors. So you're saying that these neighbors have witnessed this dog loose before and they are familiar with the dog because

Noreen: Yes

Roy: they live in the neighborhood

Noreen: Yes

Roy: and how many different neighbors told you that this dog is loose.

Noreen: Just one, one neighbor.

Roy: Just one neighbor

Noreen: One neighbor

Roy: Okay

Garron:

I guess my in all fairness do we have a written statement from the neighbor stating that in fact any particular day or anytime they saw it off for a month a month

Noreen:

Ya he he wasn't really wanting to get involved in the situation but he did he wanted to remain anonymous basically.

Garron:

Did you get an opportunity to interview not only the wife the kids anybody said the dog was on the chain the day this occurred?

Noreen:

No um they said yes the wife did say that he did get out for a short period of time.

Roy: Okay

Mr. Laliberte: Well she not here

Noreen: Right

Mr. Laliberte:

She didn't say that and she's not here to stand up for herself and she did not say that. She agrees with me almost absolutely no way that dog was out of the house.

Roy:

We might have to continue the hearing and ask her to come in and also the victim and perhaps the neighbor because I think ...

Noreen: Yup

Roy:

I think this is serious enough that we need to investigate further because this is again a second bite if it is a bite by your dog and again it's exactly the same sort of situation that occurred the last time he bit where somebody was riding a bike and he chased them and bit them. So I think that unless you have any other thoughts that we need to continue it because I find that serious enough to really investigate so people can kind of sit with it and we need to think about if this is a second bite this is a very serious situation and we need to protect the citizens of Halifax and we need to get to the bottom of it and it can't just be ya know I mean Noreen has no reason to lie at all so.

Garron:

I'm willing to continue until such time as we get something definitive from the neighbors and also identification from the individuals because I want to be as fair as possible in doing this but I sat here on the first hearing so I may be a little jaded on this and the circumstance.

Mr. Laliberte: I'll talk to all my neighbors. Ya know.

Garron: and the circumstances

Mr. Laliberte: Talk to them all.

Garron:

Are the same an individual riding a bike the dog chases it bit it. May be circumstantial but it fits the mold.

Millias:

I think the appropriate thing to do is exactly what Mrs. Roy suggested it's important enough ya know to either disprove the allegations I mean ya know in fairness to the owners as well and in fairness to the other citizens and the victim. At least try to get some more information from the eye witnesses.

Noreen: See who comes forward.

Millias: yup

Roy: Ah hum Thank you

Noreen: You're welcome

Seelig: Well we need to formally reschedule

Millias: Reschedule

McSherry: You need a second on that motion

Millias: Second

Garron: Third

Roy: All those in favor

Aye

Seelig:

At this point we're going to the 26th um we got actually a dog hearing right then um we would have a dog hearing at eight forty-five.

Roy: Okay.

Seelig: We would continue the hearing to then.

Roy: Will that give you enough time Noreen?

Noreen: I'll work on it.

Roy: Thank you

Noreen: and ah you're going to be contacting the victim

McSherry: Ya I did send him a letter

Noreen: Yes

McSherry:

And it was not mandatory for him to come because he was not requesting it

Noreen: Right

McSherry: but

Roy:

But we could just say to him that we really need him to come.

McSherry: That was January 26th?

Seelig: Ya

McSherry: At what time?

Seelig: Eight forty-five

Roy: And if you could have your wife come that would be great.

Millias: Did we have a vote on it or

Roy: Ah hum I did all those in favor

Garron: Aye

Millias: Aye

Roy: Aye

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to continue hearing until such time as we get something definitive from the victim or the neighbor.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)Street Acceptance

Brimms Distributing has asked that Danson Lane and Bourne Drive be accepted as Town roads with the following waivers:

- That linen instead of paper copies of the plans be submitted.
- That the submission be given to the Board no later than the November 1st date before the Annual Town Meeting (in this case, November 1, 2015, for the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 2016).

If the Board wishes to grant these waivers, the next step would be to hold a preliminary hearing (Seelig is recommending Feb. 9th). The property owners along these roads would be notified along with all Town departments including the Planning Board and the Highway Surveyor. Millias asked if linen copies need to be at the Registry.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to hold a hearing on February 9th at 7:45 p.m.

DMC Racing

DMC was one of three businesses on Industrial Drive that Seelig noticed had unregistered vehicles without a permit when he was out doing inspections. He has notified them and gave them an application for an unregistered vehicle permit. They wrote back to say that the vehicles would be removed but that from time to time they would have an unregistered vehicle on the property, and if a permit was needed for that. Seelig will send a letter telling them that a permit is not needed as long as there is no more than one vehicle.

Cultural Council Reappointments

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Charlie Seelig and Linda Redding to the Halifax Cultural Council effective November 26, 2015, with terms expiring November 26, 2018.

Lakeville Animal Shelter Agreement

Chief Broderick is recommending that the Town renew this agreement. Garron: asked under what special circumstance we would send a dog to Lakeville and Seelig said if we had a possible rabies situation where we are not equip at our shelter or if there are dogs where we don't have an owner for as we cannot keep them for a more than a couple of days.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to sign the Lakeville Animal Shelter Agreement.

Silver Lake Surplus Property

The District has sent the three towns a list of equipment that has been declared surplus, which Seelig has sent out to the departments. Any department interested in anything will have to contact Silver Lake directly by January 31, 2016. This does not go through the Board of Selectmen.

Fieldstone Farms

Seelig has contacted Town Counsel regarding Mr. Clawson advertising show dates that, if held, would be in violation of the consent agreement. Counsel is in agreement that Mr. Clawson would have to contact the ZBA about any changes he would like in the agreement. Counsel recommends that the Town put Mr. Clawson on immediate notice that it intends to hold him to the terms of the Consent Agreement. The Board may, as part of that notice, indicate to Mr. Clawson that he should not advertise shows or show dates that would bring him in violation of the Consent Agreement.

Millias suggested getting it to him ASAP because this is not the first time. Garron asked if sending a letter strong enough seeing as his is not the first time we have had issues. Millias then asked if this is from the Board of Selectmen or Town Counsel and Seelig said from the Board of Selectmen.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter to Mr. Clawson at Fieldstone Farms.

School Roof Project

Superintendent Blackwood is working on the Statement of Interest. A vote by the Board will need to accompany this, which Seelig will ask them to do on January 26th as he still needs a date for the SOI and a list of deficiencies and priorities for the project.

5 Short Street

The Board of Health is not interested in the Town holding on to this property. Millias thought that they should get Zoning's input on the property so that they could let the buyer know. He also asked if they could look at parcels that are of value to sell.

Plympton Dog at Winnetuxet Children's Place

The Plympton Board of Selectmen has placed a restraining order on the dog for fourteen days (effective Jan. 11th) and will hold a hearing. Plympton does not have a leash law, however it does allow complaints to be filed and investigated. The ACO in Plympton says that a complaint has to be filed on an "official form" but there is none. The form presented is used in several communities, but there is nothing official about it. Seelig is going to fill out the complaint form from Plympton on behalf of Winnetuxet Children's Place and the Town

Streetlight at Lindy's

The office has received complaint from a resident regarding a streetlight outside of Lindy's which presents a problem with light pollution. Seelig has asked this person to confirm the location but has not heard back. He will go out there and take a look at it. He understands what he is saying about light pollution and added that it might need a site plan review.

101-Year-Old Resident

The CoA Director, Barbara Brenton, wrote to say Florence St. Laurent turned 101 on January 2nd. The Outreach staff brought a cake and card to her to help her celebrate the occasion. Roy suggested that the Board of Selectmen send a Happy Birthday message.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)***Pole Hearings***

At 8:15 p.m., the Board convened a public hearing for the purpose of considering the joint petition submitted by Verizon New England, Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company to place new poles at the following locations:

- one (1) new pole (7S) – Garden Road
- two (2) new poles (24S & 25S) – Lingan Street
- one (1) new pole (1S) – Pratt Street
- one (1) new pole (.5S) – Richview Avenue

Present for the hearing was Kelly-Ann Correia from UC Synergetic.

Roy read the hearing notice that was posted and mailed to abutters.

Ms. Correia, representative from Verizon, explained that National Grid is upgrading their utilities throughout the State removing a lot of the guild wires currently attached to trees. They will be placing the guild wires into the poles as a lot of them a safety issues. All the above mentioned locations are in that situation

Garden Road

Ms. Correia said originally the pole had been staked in the area where one of the residents parks her trailer so they re-staked it moving it diagonally from where it was first proposed. The resident has confirmed that they are fine with the revised location.

Roy asked if anyone was in the audience from Garden Road and no one came forward. Seelig then asked if there was new diagram to show the new location to have for the files and Ms. Correia said that she can get one drawn up and email to the office tomorrow.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve placing Pole 7S on Garden road in the new location presented to the Board this evening.

Lingan Street – Pole 25S

Ms. Correia said that she has two poles going in there and will start with 25S, which is adjacent to the property at 120 Lingan. Again the guild wires are in a tree which is pulling the pole causing it to lean. There is a tree line along the property line and a new pole will go next to the existing trees.

Garron asked if there would be any damage to trees and she said no if anything they may need to trim some of the smaller branches but there are not major overhanging heavy branches that are in the way.

Roy said that she forgot to mention that one of the requirements for Garden Road is to have a detail officer as well as one for Lingan Street. Ms. Correia said that she will make sure they are aware of that.

McSherry mentioned that the stipulations from the police department Highway Surveyor will be noted on the bottom of the paperwork that would be going back to National Grid and Verizon.

Roy then asked if anyone from the audience had any concerns about this pole location.

Mr. & Mrs. Gilcoine of 120 Lingan Street were both present as they own the property where the proposed pole is going. Mr. Gilcoine asked how high the guild wires are because a lot of trailer trucks go up and down that road and she said the minimum requirement she believes is 18 feet for wire to go across the street and 16 feet if parallel. Garron added that the trucks are able to clear them now. Mr. Gilcoine then questioned that wires now will be going across Lingan street and Ms. Correia said they already do, right now the wires are attached to a tree that run across the street to an already existing pole.

He then said the pole is going to be on his lot line and she said that is correct and the proposed pole will be going in front of the tree that has the wires in it. Both Mr. & Mrs. Gilcoine are concerned because they have a twenty-seven foot boat that they back in at that location and Ms. Correia said it shouldn't be an issue because the pole is going to be directly in front of the existing tree that the wires are already in.

Millias asked if the guild wire is going to be any lower then what it is now and she said no.

Roy read the stipulations.

Lingan Street – Pole 24S

Ms. Correia said she did talk with the property, who is here this evening, and the new pole is marked to be right in front of their picture window. The guild wiring is currently in a tree that is to the right if looking out the homeowner's picture window. It is a larger tree but there is plenty of room to move the pole so that it closer to the corner of their fenced area. She can revise the sketch and send a new one tomorrow. She asked if she could get approval contingent upon her engineer approving the revision this way here they would not have to come back for another hearing.

Resident, Maureen Murphy, was concerned about where they wanted to place the pole and asked why they couldn't keep it in the tree as it is a big tree. She also stated that it very congested in that area and this part of Lingan Street is on a curve. She continued to say that it is narrow there in the winter time because the town plows on her side and they get the heavy portion of the snow not to mention making it difficult for the plows. Garron did agree that it does get narrow in that area in the winter time. She said that the wires are already in a very big tree does not see how a pole is going to be any stronger then the tree.

Garron asked what the purpose was changing from tree to the pole and Ms. Correia said that it is a safety reasons and suggested if the Board was okay with Pole 25S they could approve that one and deny 24S and National Grid could look into another solution.

Garron did say that trees do get old and weak in some spots so he hopes that branches do not come down on the wires.

Roy asked Millias for his thoughts and he said based on what he has heard he would like to deny the pole and take a look at it himself as there were enough questions raised this evening and would feel uncomfortable approving.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted not to approve Pole 24S at this point.

Pratt Street

Ms. Correia said that they want to place the new pole at the guard rail. At this time the wire are in a tree that is big, old and is rotting.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve placing Pole 1S on Pratt Street.

Richview Avenue

Ms. Correia said that she had spoken with resident at 15 Richview and if she had any questions to please attend the hearing (she was not in the audience).

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve placing Pole .5S on Richview Avenue.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Metro South Roundtable

Seelig wanted to remind the Board about the above meeting being held on this roundtable meeting on January 15th at 12:00 pm. The board was given the agenda, a survey and directions. Roy stated that she unable to attend.

Governor's Proposal to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government

The Governor is recommending approximately 100 changes in State laws concerning municipal government. Seelig asked the BOS if they are interested in supporting this. Millias said that there are some great initiatives to be supported.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to have Seelig send a letter supporting the Governor's Proposal.

Wage and Personnel Handbook

Copies have been made for the Board to review. Roy said that Sandy and Linda Cole looked it over and made some notes. She thinks it is important to get feedback from the Department Heads.

Volunteer Recognition

A resident has suggested that the Board should recognize long-term volunteers for various lengths of service such as 5, 10, 15, 20 years etc. Seelig is working on something.

Meals Tax

Does the Board wish to propose the article at the Annual Town Meeting or do they want the Finance Committee to do so. It was said that FinCom should do it.

Police Chief Contract

Seelig wanted to remind the Board of Selectmen that the Chief's contract expires on June 30, 2016 and that at some point they will have to negotiate a new contract.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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